

November 15th, 1918.

Commanding General, 30th Division.

1. Referring to the telegram from the Commander-in-Chief of appreciation of the sacrifice and service of the troops of the American Expeditionary Force, I feel that it should be impressed upon the men of our command that they, and the organizations to which they belong, have played an exceptional part in bringing about the magnificent results which the Commander-in-Chief has so warmly eulogized, and that every advantage should be taken of this expression of what has been done in the past and confidence as to the future by those in command to inspire their men with pride in the service they have had as soldiers in the Army of the United States, and to keep alive this "proud consciousness of a new Americanism born of sacrifice."

2. I would request that you convey to your command my appreciation of the part they have taken in our great victory, and my thanks for their heroic devotion to duty; and that I share with them their sorrow for fallen comrades, and their pride in the high achievements of the men of this Corps.

G. W. READ,  
Major General,  
Comdg., II Corps.

November 16th, 1918.

Commanding General, II American Corps.

Now that the American II Corps is leaving the British zone, I wish once more to thank you and all officers, non-commissioned officers and men under your command, on behalf both of myself and all ranks of the British Armies in France and Flanders for the very gallant and efficient service you have rendered during the period of your operations with the Fourth British Army.

On the 29th September you took part with distinction in the great and critical attack

which shattered the enemy's resistance in the HINDENBURG line and opened the road to final victory. The deeds of the 27th and 30th American Divisions, who on that day took BELLICOURT and NAUROY and so gallantly sustained the desperate struggle for BONY, will rank with the highest achievements of this war. They will always be remembered by the British Regiments that fought beside you.

Since that date, through three weeks of almost continuous fighting, you advanced from one success to another, overcoming all resistance, beating off numerous counter attacks, and capturing several thousand prisoners and many guns. The names of BRANCOURT, PREMONT, BUSIGNY, VAUX ANDIGNY, ST. SOUPLET and MAZINGHEIN testify to the dash and energy of your attacks.

I rejoice at the success which has attended your efforts and I am proud to have had you under my command.

(Sgd.) D. HAIG,  
Field Marshal.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
FRANCE

February 19, 1919.

Major General EDWARD M. LEWIS,  
Commanding 30th Division,  
American Expeditionary Forces.

My dear General Lewis:

It gives me much pleasure to extend to you and the officers and men of the 30th Division my sincere compliments upon their appearance at the review and inspection on the 21st of January, southwest of Tielles, which was excellent and is just what would be expected in a command with such a splendid fighting record.

After its preliminary training the division entered the line on July 16th, where it remained almost continuously until the end of October. In that time it was in the actual